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5th Bonn Aide Believed Dead In Spy Probe

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Bonn, Oct. 23—The plot of West Germany's biggest spy scare in years thickened today with the disappearance and apparent suicide of another Defense Ministry official.

A briefcase belonging to Gerhard Boehm, 61, senior clerk in the ministry's administrative and legal section, was found today under a Bonn railroad bridge. Boehm, said to be suffering acute depression, disappeared Monday evening after leaving a suicide note.

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Boehm's possible suicide follows a series of four deaths of German officials in the past two weeks.

The current spy scare began Oct. 8 when Rear Adm. Hermann Luedke, a newly retired Nato officer, was found dead of a gunshot wound. The federal prosecutor in Karlsruhe said yesterday that Luedke may have worked for a foreign intelligence agency.

Also on Oct. 8, the deputy chief of German intelligence, Maj. Gen. Horst Wendland, 56, shot himself at his desk. On Oct. 15, Hans Dietrich Schenk, a counselor in the Foreign Aid Ministry, killed himself and his death went unannounced for a week. Finally, on Oct. 18, Lt. Col. Johannes Grimm shot himself at his desk in the Defense Ministry.

Ex-Defense Minister Found Shot to Death

Rome, Oct. 23 (Reuters) — A former Italian defense minister and chief of air staff, Gen. Renato Sandalli, shot and killed himself in his home early today, police said. The reason was not disclosed but the general had been suffering for some time from arteriosclerosis.